

April 14, 1999

H 1032. UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE AMEND. (=S 906). *TO AMEND THE UNDERGROUND DAMAGE PREVENTION ACT.* Identical to S 906, introduced 4/14/99.

Intro. by Culpepper.

Ref. to Public Utilities

GS 87

April 29, 1999

H 1032. UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE AMEND. Intro. 4/14/99. House committee substitute and amendment make the following changes to 2nd edition. (1) Delete from bill prior provision amending the definition of "location of underground utilities" found in GS 87-101(5). (2) Delete from bill prior provision adding new GS 87-103(b)(2a), which would have required that a person conducting an excavation take reasonable steps to protect any underground utility lines when excavating within 24 inches of either side of the outside edges of the marked location of the underground facilities, including the use of hand equipment rather than mechanical equipment until exposure of the facility. (3) Delete from bill prior provision adding new GS 87-116 setting civil penalties for violations. (4) Delete from the bill's new GS 87-102(d) the provision that a notice regarding an intent to excavate is valid for 10 working days and requiring an excavator to request remarking of the underground facility two days before the end of the 10 working days.

April 27, 1999

H 1032. UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE AMEND. Intro. 4/14/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes definition of width of land involved from 18 inches on either side of the utility to 24 inches. Allows a local government to opt out of the notification center if it agrees to receive notice of the intent to excavate and agrees to notify utility owners within its jurisdiction. Requires such a local government to provide operations coverage and a single, nationally accessible toll-free telephone number to receive and record the information provided by excavators and to respond to information requests from excavators.